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### **A second sighting of *Sitaris muralis* (Forst.) (Col.: Meloidae) at Welling in north-west Kent**

Recently (*antea*: 25-26) I published the first record of this interesting beetle for a very long time, based on a specimen sighted in the above suburban locality. A second occurrence in the same place just over a year later proves the species to be breeding in the area. I quote (with slight changes) from Mr K. C. Lewis's letter:

"I have seen the beetle . . . again, 21 July 2001, through my binoculars, on the wall of the next-door block of flats, from my window about 15 feet away. There were holes and cracks in the concrete, and a single bee was settled near the largest hole."

Circumstances precluded a photograph, which would have required a telephoto lens. The holes — exit-holes of a *Sitaris* colony? — have now been filled in as part of renovation work; and one can but hope that further colonies exist nearby, in less vulnerably placed.

In my note cited above, *Alpus* (p. 26, line 18) should of course be *Apalus*.— A.A. ALLEN, 49 Montcalm Road, Charlton, London SE7 8QG.